

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

ESTABLISHED 1881.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS  
ORIENTAL AGENCY.  
Agents for the  
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD. LONDON,  
DODWELL & CO. LIMITED,  
General Agents.

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號四月二英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 10,500,000  
RESERVE FUND..... 6,960,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

KOBE NEW YORK.  
LONDON LYONS.  
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.  
BOMBAY SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
PARRS' BANK, LTD.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.  
HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED,  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 3 per cent.

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3. CHOU, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1869.  
Shanghai Taels.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON HANKOW.  
CHEFOO PEKING.  
CHINKIANG SWATOW.  
FOOCHOW TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.  
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.  
4% " " 6 "  
5% " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [1237]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital..... £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital..... £324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq.

J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chow Tung-Shang, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi-Chung, Esq.

Chief Manager.

G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND..... \$9,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
Hon. J. J. BELLA-IRVING, Chairman.  
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.  
C. Beurmann, Esq.

David Gubba, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.  
A. Haupt, Esq. P. Sachse, Esq.  
R. H. Hill, Esq. R. Shewan, Esq.  
A. McConachie, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.

Chief Manager.

T. JACKSON, Esq.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [18]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE  
HOLDERS..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND..... £450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(to)

FOR STEAMER CAPTAIN TO SALE REMARK  
LONDON Malacca E. G. Andrews About 8th Feb. Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1899. [5]

**AQUARIUS**  
SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER  
(Manufactured from Treble Distilled Water)

Telephone 75.

IS the most suitable for mixing with Wines and Spirits; neither discolours them nor changes their flavour, as is so often the case with those Mineral Table Waters which contain iron and other salts.

A PERFECT TABLE WATER.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
AGENTS,  
AQUARIUS COMPANY.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1899. [15]

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL

D. C. L.  
OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.  
\$7 PER DOZ.

H. PRICE & CO.,  
Sole Agents.

THE CLUB HOTEL,  
LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]

**W. POWELL & CO.**

AND

WOOL SHAWLS  
AND  
TRAVELLING WRAPS

Hongkong, 11th January, 1899. [37]

## Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL  
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

" VICTOR " METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT..... THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

**PEAK HOTEL**

AND

**CRAIGIEBURN.**

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea Level.

CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer

with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,

Manager.

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**THE PHARMACY.**

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE

SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

**WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.**

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

**TANSAN.**

FLETCHER & CO.

and

CARMICHAEL & CO.

23] **W. BREWER & CO.**

JUST LANDED.

NEW STOCK LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS  
AND SHOES,

(these are the very best quality Northampton make).

NEW STOCK SPENCER'S MADRAS INDIAN CIGARS.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE CO'S

CIGARETTES.

These have now the largest Sale of any Egyptian Cigarette made, and are in hermetically sealed tins.

AMERICAN TOBACCO'S

Two Seas Aromatic Cut Plug..... 1 lb. Tins.

Golden Square Mixture..... 1 lb. Tins. Raleigh Cut Plug..... 1 lb. Tins.

Richmond Club..... 1 lb. Tins. English Bird's Eye..... 1 lb. Tins.

A Large Collection of

BRITISH COLONIAL, FOREIGN RARE, SHANGHAI & CHINA LOCAL STAMPS.

1223] **A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.**

BOVRIL AS A BEVERAGE

contains in a highly concentrated and easily digestible form the direct nourishment of prime ox beef, invigorating the healthy and strengthening invalids; whilst, for preparing sustaining Soups, Rich Gravies, Savoury Sauces, Croquettes, Rissoles and all Entrees, nothing equals

**BOVRIL IN THE KITCHEN.**

14] **WATKINS & CO.**, Sole Agents.

**PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.**

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHAEA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.

Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesalers.

THE PETER SYS COMPANY,

To-day's  
Advertisements.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10th and 11th instants, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD. General Managers. HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary, UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent, NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

W. H. RAY, Secretary, CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

SHEWAN, TONES & CO., Agents, YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

G. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary, CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. W. H. T. DAVIS, Manager, THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED, for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10th and 11th instants, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. E. SANSON, Acting Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, J. THURBURN, Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, M. DOURDIN, pro. Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOH, Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship.

"THALES," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship.

"BENMOHR," Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

"WHAMPOA," Captain Sates, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOUTH BAYA.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ONSANG," Captain Young, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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To-day's  
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Will give One more Performance

of the PANTOMIME

"THE YELLOW DWARF,"

TO-NIGHT

(SATURDAY), the 4th February, 1899,

at 8.30 P.M.

Dress Circle \$1.

Stalls \$1.

Pit 1.

Half Price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police

in uniform to the Pit.

The TICKET OFFICE is now OPEN and

will continue Open Each Day from 10 A.M. to

4 P.M.

Late Trams to the Peak.

H. C. NICOLLE,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

TO-NIGHT

(SATURDAY), the 4th February, 1899.

Ninth appearance of

DARCS

WORLD FAMED MARIONETTES.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE,"

and a Host of Gigantic Attractions.

(Under Active Preparation.)

Grand Spectacular Diorama of

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Santiago by Night.

The Bombardment of the Spanish Forts.

The Sinking of the Merrimac.

Escape and Capture of Lt. Hobson the American

Hero.

The Meeting of the Rival Squadrons.

The Destruction of the Spanish Fleet off

Santiago Harbour.

Magnificent Scenery.

Startling Mechanical Effects.

The Whole produced on a Scale of Realistic

Grandeur never before attempted in the

Far East.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Special Seats for Chinese Ladies only, \$1 & 50 cents.

PLAN AT ROBINSON'S PIANO CO.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE, OPIUM EXAMINATION OFFICE and STATIONS, will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY the 8th till SUNDAY the 14th instant, both days inclusive, in celebration of the CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

H. M. HILLIER,

Commissioner of Customs,

for Kowloon & District.

Custom House, Kowloon, 4th February, 1899.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central, at 11 o'clock, on MONDAY, the 20th February for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'S STEAMSHIP

"COROMANDEL,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:-

From London, &c., ex S.S. Britannia.

From Australia, ex S.S. Aradina.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. Massilia.

From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. Kilwa and

Austria.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

1 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE-INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above

Company are prepared to accept First

CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at

CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1899.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,

& C. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1899.

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THE NOBILITY UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

FOUNDED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED.....\$130,000,000

LOSSES PAID.....12,000,000

PREMIS INCOME.....\$87,000

THE Undersigned Agents for the above

Society are prepared to accept RISKS

against Fire at CURRENT RATES.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1899.

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REVIEWS.

"*Life for the Flag*." By W. H. Fitchett, with Portraits and Plans. London, George Bell and Sons, 1898.

We notice another addition to Bell and Sons' popular colonial library, written by the Rev. W. H. Fitchett, which is a short but graphic account of the actions, in which some of our most notable British heroes have figured, from the year 1652 to that of 1854. It is very similar in style to his former work, "Deeds that won the Empire," and might very properly be entitled, "Deeds that won the prestige of the Empire." For, in this, his later work, he treats only with engagements which, without resulting in any actual increase of territory, won the less procured for England lasting glory and a wholesome respect from other continental nations. It is written mostly in the form of anecdote, with detailed particulars of the original tactics employed; this gives it a considerable historic value. His facts bear witness to the amount of careful research, and enquiry, which has been devoted to it, making it a distinctly educational work, and one calculated to both interest and instruct. Considered in the light of a scientific work written for adults, it cannot be denied that it is rather jingoistic, there is no mistaking that it is written by an Englishman, but then, as we presume that it is meant to be read by these same Englishmen, perhaps this is proper, and it is certainly wise. It is rather amusing where in the war with France in 1743, he relates, how George II, with a force of 16,000 men defeated Marshal Noailles with 7,000 men; As a matter of fact George II had 40,000 men, but as the odd 2,000 were not English Mr. Fitchett evidently thinks they did not count. However he is undoubtedly very interesting in some of his stories of individual heroism, especially in his reference to Miss Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimea War. This book should be of considerable interest to this Colony on account of his reference to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in their famous charge at the battle of Minden, August 1st 1759, during the seven years' war.

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AN ELEGY TO THE KING, by R. N. Stephens, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong.—The scene of this work is laid in France towards the latter end of the sixteenth century. The story is related by M. de Launay, Sieur de la Tournoie, and opens with his journey to Paris in search of adventure, where he enrolls himself in the French Guards. He falls in love with Mlle. d'Arancy, who to serve her own ends, or those of her Mistress, Catherine, leads him into the killing of a M. de Noyard, a counsellor of the powerful Duke of Guise. He is forced to fly from Paris, in which he is aided by Queen Marguerite of Navarre, and after various hairbreadth escapes reaches the camp of Henry of Navarre at Nera. Thus he becomes the enemy of the King. Thence, having been given a troop of horse, he spends his time in harassing the adherents of Henry III, and in siding Huguenots to escape from his dominions, making an old ruined chateau near Clochon, called the Chateau de Maury his headquarters. M. de la Chate, the Governor of the province, is determined to capture de Launay and forces Mlle. de Varion, whose father is a Huguenot and in de la Chate's power, to act as his spy. In this she is successful being taken under De Launay's protection to the Chateau de Maury. There they mutually fall in love, and she flies from him to take back her promise to de la Chate his Lieutenant and captures de la Chate in his own castle forcing him not only to release Mlle. de Varion and her father but also to grant them a safe conduct from the province which proves to be of the greatest value, owing to their meeting the troops returning from the Chateau de Maury. The history ends with their escape. The tale is well told, the interest being sustained throughout, and the hero no sooner escapes from one dilemma than he plunges headlong into another. To those of our readers who are looking for an exciting work of adventure with a touch of French history thrown in we can recommend this latest production of Mr. Stephens.

THE JOURNALIST, by C. F. Keary, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong.—The journalist, Richard Vaux, the hero, is young a gentleman just rising into fame, who becomes engrossed of another man's wife, which appears to be the turning point of his career, for he does not seem to do much once he has made her acquaintance. The book is very wearisome one, being full of dull conversations between persons who are either insipid idiots, miserable cynics or insufferable phigs. There is little or no incident and less interest. Groups of people commence to talk and invariably talk twaddle, and do not even do that consistently, for they cannot say more than a dozen consecutive words without rambling off to some other subject. If this book is intended to awaken a great admiration in the breast of the ordinary mortal for literary persons we fear that it will prove a dismal failure; for the literary men depicted are chiefly distinguished by their insufferable conceit and boorish rudeness in company. Those suffering from insomnia and requiring an insufferable sleep producer will do well to indulge in a few chapters of "The Journalist."

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THE TOWN TRAVELLER, by George Gissing, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong. George Gissing has a wonderful insight into the character of the class whom he here depicts; the lower middle classes. The plot is a trifla far-fetched; the husband of Mrs. Clover, who keeps a China shop, having disappeared for some six years or so and at last being discovered is found to be no other than Lord Polperro, who has, since his marriage, come unexpectedly into the title but does not find it convenient to recognise his wife and child at the China shop. The principal characters are Mr. Gammon, a traveller for a firm of oil and colourmen, and Polly Sparkes, a damsel with an attractive face, a healthy appetite and a situation as a vendor of programmes at one of the London theatres. Mrs. Bubbs, a lodging house keeper; Mr. Sparkes, Polly's father and head waiter at a third rate restaurant Miss Waghorn, a friend of Polly's; Mr. Green, a broken hearted gentleman and friend of tool of Lord Polperro; and Christopher Harish, a clerk in the great tea house of Swettisham & Co.

Beyond the search for the missing husband and father there is little or no plot, but the book is cleverly and brightly written and the characters are amusing. The description of the conference held by Mr. Bubbs, Gammon and Mrs. Clover, with the intention of forcing Polly to disclose the whereabouts of the vanished Clover is capital described, as is also their subsequent discomfiture by Polly, who reluctantly refuses to have anything to say upon the subject even after having been forcibly removed from her room and brought face to face with her aunt, Mrs. Clover. The love scenes between Polly and Gammon and Polly and Christopher are funny, and indeed there are, despite its apparent paucity of plot or purpose, very few dull pages throughout the book. For those who require a novel which they can catch up for half an hour's light reading at any time "The Town Traveller" is just the thing.

TOMMY ON THE WEATHER.

From the following wail, appearing in the *Singapore Free Press*, it would seem that our old friends the West Yorks are not highly impressed with the Straits. We could certainly do with a few drops of their superfluous rain! It was raining profusely on Sunday when we landed in Penang, and the sun was in the sky. And it's a "shift" till the moon! We'd n't a "shift" for a "shift"! Like drunks wots fished out of a ditch.

It was raining profusely on Monday, and the sun couldn't see through the drops—So there wasn't no 'cat for dispelling the mould and the damp in our slops.

It was raining, on Toosdy an' Wensdy, and the place is just wetter 'n wet: An' w'en we ask w'en it will finish—The Clouds whisper softly "Not Yet!"

It was raining on Thursday an' Friday—By Evings—it's fine for the crops, An' this is yer "Brite little hand"—P'raps it's goin' to be wet it stops; But I ain't seen the sun since I bin 'ere, 'cept ten minits yesterday morn,

No! it's rain from 'mornin' to evenin', an' it's rain from darkness to dawn.

It's a regular "Henglish drizzle," with nasty shivery chills, And I'm red about the boko and white about the gills.

It's terrible rough on the sick list: this damp perspiry cool, Say! is this 'ere weather excepsnul, or a kinder bloomin' rule?

Wat's the use of the bloomin' equator, an' bein' so close thered, We live on a Henglish November, which is wet we are 'avin' to do, But—Joy! It's stopped for a minit—No!—there it goes again,

Oh! 'tang the bloomin' drizzle an' the everlastin' rain.

SINGAPORE AND THE SOUTH.

(From Straits Papers.)

THE LAW'S DELAY.

At Soubayra, a Chinaman will shortly be tried for fraudulent bankruptcy after having been kept in prison for two years awaiting trial.

THE "ELBA."

The Italian man-of-war *Elba* arrived at Penang from Colombo on the 23rd inst. She is of 3,100 tonnage, 6,300 h.p., and carries 283 men and 29 guns.

SERDANG COFFEE.

Coffee growing in Serdang continues to be in a hopeful way. Planters there do not complain. There is every encouragement to them from the recent improvement in prices for the berry.

QUARRELSOME EMPLOYEES.

The Kran railway employees are divided into two parts and indulge in Donnybros. A number were arrested and fined from \$10 to \$25 each by Mr. Farrer at Nibon Tebal.

EMBREZZLEMENT.

The Chinese cashier of the Bangkok Dock Co. has been sent to hard-labour for a year for embezzling Tacs. 5,600. Chul Pit Boon's friends in Singapore had already advanced \$2,000 to meet the defalcations.

LUMIN SUGAR.

At Chelihon, in Java, a manufactory of lump-sugar has been started. This is said to be the first undertaking of the kind in that island, despite the fact of its being a sugar producer. There is every encouragement to them from the recent improvement in prices for the berry.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

There have been heavy floods at Serendah nearly two miles of the main road being under water. There have also been landslips on the Kauh-rond which have interrupted the telegraph line.

THE DEFENCES OF JAVA.

Plans for improving the defences of Java have been laid before Government. The Batavia *Nieuwsblad* says it is intended to establish a harbour of refuge at Sourabaya, and to lay out batteries on a commanding position at Batavia.

GOLD IN CELEBES.

A German expert, who has visited the gold region in North Celebes, comes to the conclusion that the mines there have been over-rated. Gold in that quarter is not so abundant as many had hoped. Not one of the mines has yet yielded a dividend, though some have been worked for at least four years.

TEAK FURNITURE.

The Batavia *Nieuwsblad* notes that Chinese craftsmen there can now turn out teak-furniture of such excellency that it not only beats the imported European article, but is also exported to Europe to compete successfully with the makes of the best furniture factories there.

BLIND-SNATCHING.

The absurd feeling of insecurity that the Singapore *singhers* now entertain in regard to their worthless heads is spreading, seemingly, to what is regarded as a more intelligent class of Chinese. Human heads are taken daily, and requiring an insufferable sleep producer will do well to indulge in a few chapters of "The Journalist."

SELANGOR'S DEFECT.

The *Malay Mail* points out that there are no facilities in Selangor for Chinese there to acquire British or Malayan citizenship. Chinese in that quarter prize the privilege of being British subjects, owing to its protecting them from oppression and squeezing should they return to China.

REFRACTORY PRISONER.

A lower grade prisoner named Koh Tai has been sent to the Singapore Assize Court to be tried as an assizes prisoner. On Dec. 12th, while Warder Bullen was attending prisoners working in the yard, the prisoner came and stood in front of him. Bullen called out but the prisoner did not reply, but dealt Bullen a severe blow in the abdomen, from which he suffered so much that he had to go to hospital for 14 days.

SURCHARGES.

A correspondent writes to the *Penang Gazette* pointing out that the Straits Government issues certain stamps at Singapore only, and that in limited number. For instance, the provisional 4 cent stamp was issued by surcharging two sets of stamps—8 cents blue and 5 cents brown. At the present the former can be got in Penang, but not the latter, which were only issued at Singapore.

THE "ADANA."

The *Adana* arrived in Singapore on the 26th ult., having been safely got out of her difficult position there by the exertions of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company. Her bows were low in the water, and her stern high out of it, as she came into port under her own steam. She has a cargo of coal for Hongkong; this will have to be discharged as it is thought, that the *Adana* must be docked there. During the work at Labuan, two filters, working in the tunnel of the propeller shaft, were suffocated by the bad gases—from the bridge. An end was held at Labuan, and the final event was held to be accidental.

IN A SHARK'S MAW.

A Singapore medico the other day saw a large shark to his hand of some Chinese fishermen

He induced them to open the stomach. This operation, however, disclosed a rather gruesome sight in the shape of a Chinese baju-trousers, and a tongue. That was all that was left, apparently, of somebody. There was also a bullock's lower jaw. It is just possible that a bundle of clothes and a false tongue may have dropped overboard from a sampan, and have been nipped up as a *bonne bouche*. But it is not nice thinking over all the same. And, apropos, where do all the bones go to? If a shark's gastric juices are not of a specially powerful character as solvent, a shark's interior ought in a year or two to become a regular boneyard, with no room for new-comers.

TIN-MINING IN SELANGOR.

The *Malay Mail* states that the known tin fields in Selangor cannot be efficiently worked for want of sufficient labour. It has never heard a miner complaining of his inability to find land, but has seen scores of them wringing their hands for want of labour. The existing tin-fields have been spreading in area for years and show no signs, except in isolated cases, of reaching an unpayable boundary. Whatever new roads have been constructed in the interior, new mining-land has often been taken up. Taking block in and tin-together it appears that in 1897, Perak exported 352,252 piculs, and Selangor 302,062 piculs. Of tin ore alone Selangor exported about 50,000 piculs more than Perak.

GOLD IN THE DUTCH INDIES.

The Barnah Sawah Mining Co. publishes an analysis of one from its ground, carried out in Batavia by Raukamp & Co. A cross sample of so-called red and green napal proved to contain 10.5 grammes of gold per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes and traces of silver. On the ground the red and green napal occur entirely apart, so that the first named, present in great quantities and mainly holding the noble metal needs only to be worked. Another sample of "Karangan" tin napal gave 14 grammes of gold per ton, while red oxide of copper and red oxide of iron also were found in it. A second sample of Karangan contained 18 grammes of gold per ton and 135 grammes silver. This was obtained by washing, after seeking an interview with Colonel Picquart and ordered the latter a dose of hot grog. In spite of the absurdities of M. de Beaupaire's allegations, the Chamber of Deputies pondered over the affair in its every aspect, one Deputy solemnly proposing to court-martial the whole Court of Cassation. It transpires that three Generals, all Colonel Picquart's accusers, also had their grog at the Court's expense. The practical result has been a change in Colonel Picquart's judges and an influence on public opinion decidedly for the worse.

THE BEAUPAIRE FARCE.

The European Press, especially the English, bitterly ridicule the Beaupaire farce, commenting on the utter decadence of politics and of the judiciary in France, when an ex-Judge of the Supreme Court can make such a pitiable exhibition of insanity and spite against his former colleagues. M. de Beaupaire was appointed to the bench for conducting the prosecution of Houlonger in 1889. He clearly never dreamt that his resignation would be accepted. The most substantial charge he brought was that M. Bard, who is entrusted with the revision of the Dreyfus documents, sought an interview with Colonel Picquart and ordered the latter a dose of hot grog. In spite of the absurdities of M. de Beaupaire's allegations, the Chamber of Deputies pondered over the affair in its every aspect, one Deputy solemnly proposing to court-martial the whole Court of Cassation. It transpires that three Generals, all Colonel Picquart's accusers, also had their grog at the Court's expense. The practical result has been a change in Colonel Picquart's judges and an influence on public opinion decidedly for the worse.

THE GALE IN ENGLAND.

Local reports of the gale have been delayed owing to injury to the telegraphs. They show terrible and widespread results. The sea demolished the thick seawall and washed away the beach for seventy yards on the North-Western line alongside Conway Bay between Chester and Holyhead on Thursday midnight. It was pitch dark, a tempest was raging fiercely, and the tide was high, when a Manchester goods express, heavily laden, dashed out of the tunnel across the gap, along the unsupported rails and was precipitated into the sea. The driver and fireman were lost and the wreckage of eight trucks strewn the bay, the others remained suspended on the rails which were unbroken. The Liverpool express and Irish mail which were due shortly afterwards were unbroken. The Channel traffic suffered terribly, vessels standing in the Downs all night.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

January 16th. Count Mupriff states that the International Peace Congress will probably be held in Brussels or Copenhagen.

January 17th.

M. Cambon, French Ambassador at London, replying to a deputation from the Peace Society, denied that there was hostility in France towards the English. The Press on both sides, he said, had greatly exaggerated the small friction arising over the Fashoda question, but neither Frenchmen individually nor the French Government desired war.

THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

The *Times* accepts Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman as Sir W. V. Harcourt's successor as leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, characterising him as a man of moderate counsels and conciliatory manner, inactive yet competent, who will mark time admirably.

AGITATION IN MACEDONIA.

A Macedonian agitation and the proposed assembly of a Macedonian revolutionary congress is causing anxiety to the Porte, which has taken military measures to crush any attempted rising.

THE FASHODA QUESTION.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Wolverhampton referred to the satisfactory settlement of the Fashoda question, and trusted that our position in the whole Valley of the Nile would be henceforth recognised as incontestable.

SAMOA.

The Samoan chief Mataafa, who is the German candidate for the kingship of Samoa, has been routed after sharp fighting with Malietoa, who was proclaimed King by the Chief Justice of Samoa with the support of the British and American Consuls. The British cruiser *Porpoise* landed a party of blue-jackets to protect foreigners.

THE SOUDAN CONVENTION.

January 20th. The Soudan Convention signed by Lord Cromer, the British Minister in Egypt, and Idris Pasha, the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs, establishes martial law there and prohibits the residence of Foreign Consul in the country without the consent of Her Majesty's Government, and provides for British and Egyptian flags being used together except at Suakin, where the Egyptian flag is to fly alone.

CHONGMING, WOKING, AND HONGKONG.

The *Malay Mail* notes that the Chinese *Wokong* and *Hongkong* will leave for the above ports on or about THURSDAY, the 18th instant.

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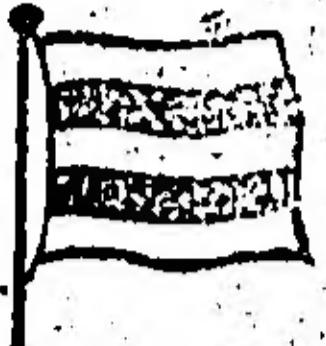
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R. J. C. Todd.....	YOKOHAMA	
MUKE MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 16th February, at 4 P.M.
S. Kawamuro.....		
TOZA MARU.....	MARSELLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 16th February, at 4 P.M.
P. Going.....		
SAGAMI MARU.....	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	FRIDAY, 17th February, at 4 P.M.
J. Nagao.....		
KAGOSHIMA MARU.....	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 21st February, at Noon.
R. Numabe.....		
KASUGA MARU.....	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 22nd February, at 4 P.M.
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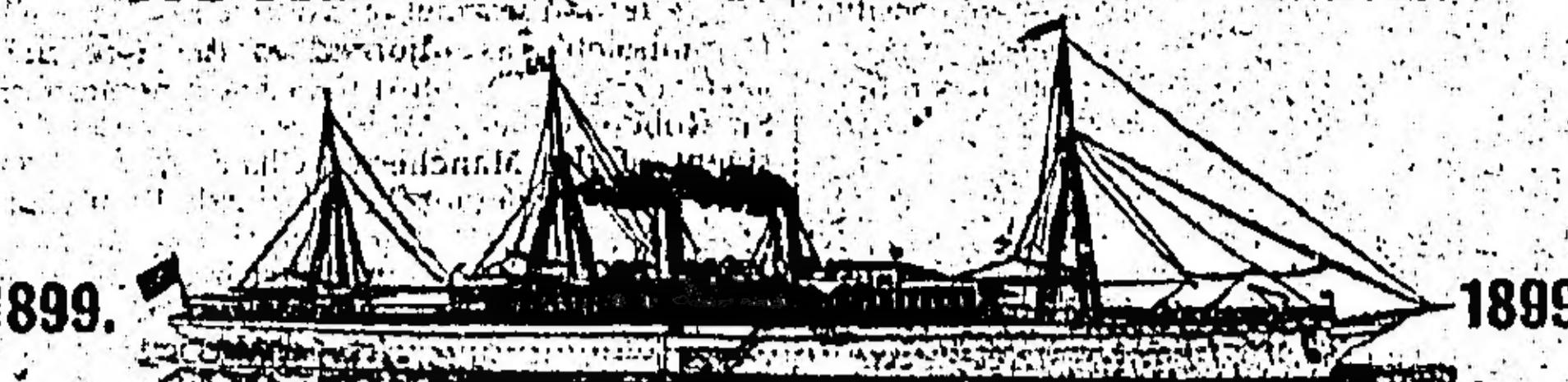
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